

Decisions of the Group Leaders Panel

4 February 2014

Members Present:

Councillor Richard Cornelius (Chairman)

Councillor Jack Cohen
Councillor Alison Moore

Councillor Anthony Finn
Councillor John Marshall

Also in attendance:

Tanya Ossack (Independent Person)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

That Councillor Richard Cornelius be appointed Chairman.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 2013 be approved as a correct record.

3. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

All Members were present.

4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (IF ANY)

There were none.

5. INDEPENDENT PERSON PROTOCOL

The Assurance Director (Monitoring Officer) introduced the report.

RESOLVED – That the protocol developed capturing the role of the Independent Person and the point at which their views are sought be approved.

6. REPORT ON USE OF DELEGATIONS

The Assurance Director (Monitoring Officer) introduced the report.

RESOLVED – That the delegations used to reject any formal complaints made under the Member Code of Conduct during the period from 5th November 2013 to the 4th February 2014 be noted.

7. DECISION ON WHETHER TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

RESOLVED - That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that

they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

8. CASE 010/13

RESOLVED –

1. That there was a breach of Paragraph 5 (b) (i) of the Members' Code of Conduct – You must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of your authority act in accordance with your authority's reasonable requirements.
2. That in view of (1) above, the Panel recommends that Councillor Coleman be censured.
3. That Councillor Coleman is notified of his right of appeal to Council and that any such request for an appeal is submitted to the Monitoring Officer within 14 days of receiving the decision notification.

9. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm